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SALEM COUNTY FREEHOLDERS IMPLEMENT NEW NEW GLOBAL CONNECT EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

(SALEM, NJ) – Deputy Freeholder Director David Lindenmuth, Chair of the County Public Safety Committee, today announced that the Salem County Office of Emergency Management will begin using a Global Connect Emergency Notification System in early August.

"When emergencies hit such as fast moving fires, storms, or tornadoes, our Emergency Management Officials will be able to alert municipalities within minutes by using this new notification system," said Deputy Director Lindenmuth. "The added time to prepare for and respond to disasters will be a great advantage for emergency response personnel."

The state-of-the-art alert system, purchased earlier this year, will allow local Emergency Management Coordinators to record a message in his or her own voice and send that message to every telephone number listed in the directory. The Global Connect Emergency Notification System brings the Salem County Emergency Management Department into the twenty-first century by using Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) to send a message to a database of telephone numbers, email addresses, or fax numbers.

"In case of an emergency, this new system is easy for everyone to use. With the press of a single key, Salem County residents can call back the previously-dialed number should they require additional information," said Deputy Director Lindenmuth. "We have been in contact with Atlantic County who purchased the system last year. They have had great success with it."

The Global Connect Emergency Notification System (also known as Reverse 9-1-1) software is being installed by the company and should be ready to train about 40 people, including the County 9-1-1 dispatchers and local Emergency Management Coordinators about the third week of July.